

## **Affordable Care Act - Summary of Utah Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility Changes**

### **Effective October 1, 2014**

- New Medicaid/CHIP application
  - New questions added about tax filing status
  - Approved by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM)
  - Non-qualifying individuals will be sent to the FFM to shop for health insurance plans (financial help may be available)
  - Individuals can start with DWS or the FFM
- New applicants qualify under current rules or may begin coverage in January if they qualify under the new rules
  - DWS will check for eligibility under both sets of rules

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- New eligibility rules go into effect for the following state programs:

<b>Child 0-5</b>	<b>Child 6-18</b>	<b>Parent/Caretaker Relative</b>	<b>Pregnant Woman</b>	<b>CHIP</b>	<b>UPP</b>	<b>PCN</b>
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- Asset test for the above programs is removed
- Income limits (FPL) increase
  - Child 0-5 moves from 133 to 139%
  - Child 6-18 moves from 100 to 133%
  - Pregnant Woman moves from 133 to 139%
  - Parent/Caretaker Relative increases by about 6%
  - CHIP, UPP, and PCN do not change from current levels
- Many old disregards are eliminated, a new 5% disregard is applied
- New tax-based methodology is used to calculate income and household size known as "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" or MAGI
- New Mandatory Medicaid Group created for Former Foster Care Children
  - No income/asset test
  - Children who age out of foster care and are under age 26
- Verification and renewal
  - Before requesting information from clients, DWS is responsible to verify electronically first, reviews may be completed without client interaction
- Presumptive Eligibility for Hospitals (HPE)
  - Hospitals will authorize temporary Medicaid while the application processes